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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Timothy H. Bestor  
Serial No.: 09/051,013 Examiner: D. Steadman  
Filed : October 9, 1998 Group Art Unit: 1652  
For : CHIMERIC DNA-BINDING/DNA METHYLTRANSFERASE NUCLEIC  
ACID AND POLYPEPTIDE AND USES THEREOF

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January 13, 2005

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SIR:

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on July 14, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 14, 2004 Final Office Action was originally due October 14, 2004. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from October 14, 2004 to January 14, 2005 for responding to the July 14, 2004 Final Office Action in order to file a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application. The fee for the extension of time is \$510.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on January 14, 2005 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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